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Iowa Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in May 2009 totaled 384 million pounds, up 2.1 percent from May 2008. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was down from 216,000 head in May 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,785 pounds, up from 1,740 pounds in May 2008.

revision represented an increase of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,828 pounds for May, 9 pounds above May 2008.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from May 2008. April revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from April 2008. The April

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 25,000 head less than May 2008, and 10,000 head less than April 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, May 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Change from 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	186	184	2,165	2,055	403	378	-6.2
CA	1,847	1,816	1,940	1,935	3,583	3,514	-1.9
CO	127	128	1,990	2,020	253	259	2.4
FL	120	117	1,625	1,700	195	199	2.1
ID	550	551	1,930	1,900	1,062	1,047	-1.4
IL	102	102	1,665	1,670	170	170	
IN	168	168	1,730	1,765	291	297	2.1
IA	216	215	1,740	1,785	376	384	2.1
KS	115	120	1,790	1,835	206	220	6.8
MI	350	357	1,935	1,955	677	698	3.1
MN	463	468	1,645	1,675	762	784	2.9
MO	111	110	1,365	1,330	152	146	-3.9
NM	342	332	2,040	2,145	698	712	2.0
NY	626	621	1,770	1,770	1,108	1,099	-0.8
OH	282	278	1,660	1,670	468	464	-0.9
OR	113	114	1,745	1,755	197	200	1.5
PA	548	547	1,720	1,710	943	935	-0.8
TX	412	430	1,800	1,835	742	789	6.3
UT	85	84	1,800	1,805	153	152	-0.7
VT	140	136	1,600	1,595	224	217	-3.1
VA	98	96	1,580	1,595	155	153	-1.3
WA	244	241	2,025	2,020	494	487	-1.4
WI	1,251	1,256	1,710	1,735	2,139	2,179	1.9
23-State Total ³	8,496	8,471	1,819	1,828	15,451	15,483	0.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.